

ILLINOIS SELF-INSURERS ADVISORY BOARD
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2006 Chicago, IL 10:30 A.M.

Attendees: Chairman Ruth, Alex Alexandrou (via conference call), Margaret Blackshere, David Taylor (via conference call), Maria Sarli-Dehlin, Lynette Thompson-Edwards

Chairman Ruth called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. A previously prepared agenda was distributed, a copy of which is attached.

I. Minutes

Upon motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou, the minutes of the Board meeting held on June 20, 2006, were unanimously approved as presented.

II. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ruth reported that the Commission panels had been rearranged and each panel has one new commissioner and two experienced commissioners. Cases have been reassigned so each panel has an equal amount of the oldest cases. Chairman Ruth further stated that the backlog at the Commission level should be decreased within a year.

Chairman Ruth further reported that the Insurance Compliance division was developing systems and procedures. Also, Insurance Compliance will be collecting fines from two uninsured employers totaling \$90,000 by the end of October.

Chairman Ruth also stated that new computers were being given to all Commission staff. In addition, he stated access to case information was available on the Commission's website for all open cases and those closed by settlement, decision and dismissal.

III. Manager's Report

A. Bankruptcy-Exposure to Security Fund

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented the Board with the Bankruptcy-Exposure to Security Fund report as of 6/30/06. She stated that for 31% of the companies listed on the report, benefits were paid by Security Fund assessments.

B. Security Fund Forecast 6/30/06

Maria Sarli-Dehlin presented to the Board the security fund forecast as of 6/30/06. She also presented a report of payments made by self-insured employers under bankruptcy protection that continue to pay workers' compensation benefits.

Maria Sarli-Dehlin informed the Board that at the next meeting she anticipates asking for authority to issue an assessment to current self-insurers and former self-insurers with open claims.

IV. Committee Report

None

V. New Business

Maria Sarli-Dehlin requested authority to require self-insured employers to provide copies of their Employer's Contribution and Wage report filed quarterly with the Department of Employment Security (Form UI-3/40) with their annual renewal application.

After discussion, there was a motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou to require copies of Form UI-3/40 be included in annual renewal applications. Motion carried.

At 11:00 A.M., the Chairman moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation/attorney's report pursuant to 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public portion of the meeting, after which the Board convened in closed session.

There being no further business, upon motion by Margaret Blackshere, seconded by Alex Alexandrou and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.